(c) Railways could not meet the proportionate freight target due to less demand from the consumers. Railways have taken the following steps to achieve the target.

(i) Volume discount scheme extended for the year 2001-02.

(ii) Conditions for grant of "Station to Station" rates have been liberalized in favour of users.

(iii) A scheme of reduced lump-sum rate for traffic moving on Merry-go-round (MGR) system has been introduced to attract traffic of short lead.

(iv) Special emphasis has been given to monitor loading of high profit yielding commodities.

Railway proposals from Kerala

282. SHRI C.O. POULOSE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received by the Ministry from the Kerala Government and Members of Parliament for construction of new rail lines, gauge conversion, doubling of rail lines and electrification, during the last three years;

(b) the steps taken by Government thereon;

(c) the details of the ongoing projects, the funds allocated and the expenditure incurred so far ; and

(d) by when these projects would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) and (b) Some of the proposals received from Government of Kerala and MPs for construction of new lines, gauge conversion, doubling and electrification during the last 3 years and action taken thereon are as under :

Proposal	Action Taken
i) Doubling of Ernakulam-Kayankulam *via* Alleppey and Kottayam	The survey for doubling of Ernakulam-Kayankulam *via* Alleppey/ Kottayam has been conducted. Due to unremunerative nature and constraint of resources it was not considered feasible to take up the work. However, doubling of Ernakulam Mullantrutti has been taken up as Ph-I of doubling between Ernakulam Kayankuma *via* Kottayam.
ii) Coastal rail line between Tanur-Tirur and Ernakulam *via* Guruvayoor	The work of new line from Kuttipuram (Tanur) to Guruvayoor has already been included in the budget with the proviso that the work would be taken up after obtaining necessary clearances, the action for which has been initiated. The new line from Guruvayoor to Idappalli (Ernakulam) is under examination in consultation with the Railway.

(c) and (d) The details of ongoing projects alongwith their status and target wherever fixed is given as under:

S. No.	Plan	Project of	Year approval	Kms.	Cost enditure	Exp- Outlay upto March, 2001	Budget 2001-02	Status
1.	New Line	Kuttipuram-Guruvayoor	1994-95	36	90	0.34	5	Work will be taken up after obtaining the requisite clearances.
2.	New Line	Kottayam-Erumeli	1997-98	43	200	0.04	5	Work will be taken up after obtaining the requisite clearances.
3.	New Line	Angamali-Sabarimala	1997-98	116	550	0.43	20	Final Location Survey has been taken up. Land acquisition has also been processed.

4.	Gauge Conversion	Quilon-Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur Tenkasi-Virudunagar	1997-98	357	327.6	21.97	20	In Virudunagar-Tenkasi and Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur, bridge work and earth work has been taken up. Final Location Survey in the ghat section to ease gradient andzcurves to suit BG has been recently completed. The work is being progressed as per availability of resources.
5.	Doubling	Ernakulam-Mulanturutti	2001-02	17.4	35	0	2	The Final Location Survey has been completed and estimate prepared.
6.	Doubling	Ernakulam-Ernakulam	1999-2000	3	6.42	2.44	0.4	Work is in progress and targeted to Marshalling Yard be completed during 2001-2002.
7.	Doubling	Quilon-Trivandrum	1990-91	65	156.6	117.2	12	This work has been completed and commissioned.
8.	Doubling	Kuttipuram-Calicut	1994-95	86	179.6	30.37	25	The doubling of Kuttipuram to Shoranur (30 km.) is being done as a material modification of this work. The work of bridges and earth work is in progress.
9.	Doubling	Calicut-Mangalore	1995-96	221	462.1	307.9	99.3	Work is in good progress. 136 km. of 221 km. have been completed. The doubling is likely to be completed by 2002-03.

S. No.	Plan Project	Year of approval	Kms.	Cost	Exp-enditure upto March, 2001	Budget Outlay 2001-02	Status
10.	Electrification Ernakulam-Trivandrum	1999-2000	320	161.5	0.15	5.59	Estimate has been sanctioned in May, 2001. Work has been taken inhand and is targeted for completion by March, 2004.
11.	Electrification Erode-Palghat-Ernakulam	1992-1993	324	220.1	207.3	12.8	The work has been completed. Residual jobs in hand.